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SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1912.

GOVERNOR WILSON'S VETO.

Governor Wilson's veto of the Beard bill was a great disappointment to the people of the three towns that were anxious to have the bill enacted into a law as a matter of protection to the general welfare of their respective towns. The announcement of the veto was followed by expressions of opinion that indicated a strong degree of displeasure, and the criticisms of the veto measure were to the effect that the governor in his treatment of the subject upon the high ground of a State-sewage question had overlooked or passed by the main points involved.

"The question of sewage," the governor says, "affects the whole State and cannot be dealt with community by community."

That is the view that the people of Bloomfield, Belleville and Nutley hold, and it was for the purpose of compelling East Orange and Montclair to treat the question of sewage disposal in this section of the State as a whole and not as a community question that a fight was begun against the attitude of those two towns in making their community interest the paramount factor in the consideration of the sewage disposal question in this county.

It was for the purpose of treating the sewage disposal question as a whole and on broad general grounds that the Passaic River Valley Sewerage Commission was created and East Orange and Montclair are the only municipalities in Essex county that are in rebellion against the acceptance of the commission's broad and effective plan and refuse to join it, and have asserted their right to place their small community interests above the larger State interests.

The claim that East Orange and Montclair are assessed an undue proportion of the cost of the broad general plan gives no good reason for their refusal to accept that plan; the fact is that the assessment basis is the same, as both places are assessed their pro rata share of the expenses of county government.

It is East Orange and Montclair and not Bloomfield, Belleville and Nutley that are making a narrow community question of the sewage disposal problem in this northern part of the State.

The governor's veto of the Beard bill, a lack of familiarity with the main issues involved in the Beard bill. The principles of home rule and self-protection were what the people of Bloomfield, Belleville and Nutley fought for in their efforts to have the bill become a law.

Montclair and East Orange both have opportunity for tidewater outlet for their sewage and there is no necessity for either town experimenting with a patented system of sewage disposal, which nobody can say to a certainty will work satisfactorily, and which all past experience condemns.

The selfishness and injustice of the action of East Orange and Montclair in the selection of a site for experimenting with sewage disposal is what Bloomfield, Belleville and Nutley protested against.

Care has been taken by the promoters of the Imhoff project that the plant shall be located far enough from both East Orange and Montclair to insure that neither of those towns shall suffer any of the deleterious effects of the nuisance, but the injury and damage is inflicted upon Nutley. To prevent the carrying out of any such injurious and inconsiderate scheme was the object of the Beard bill, and it is rather far-fetched reasoning that magnifies the bill into a stupendous obstacle against the carrying out of broad lines of sewage work.

It is not at all probable that the Beard bill would ever have been used to stop any municipality from reaching tidewater sewer outlet. The courts would never uphold such a construction of the bill, and it would be an instance of stupidity on the part of the officials of any municipality to attempt to make any such use of the bill.

The bill, however, was intended and would, no doubt, serve as an effective bar of defence against any municipality that wanted to use a patented system of inland filtration of sewage from moving the nuisance out of its own borders to a site within the territory of a neighboring municipality, and that protective principle was a feature of the bill apparently not considered by the governor.

The character of the attendance at the several hearings given on the bill, it is claimed, is a matter that should have impressed the governor that there was far more than a technical right of way for sewer mains at stake. On the one hand strongly advocating the bill was a large representation of the resident home-owners of Bloomfield, Belleville and Nutley pleading for the protection of their property and the



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Glen Ridge Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shotwell of Westfield spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. George Shotwell of Hillside avenue.

Miss Lena Wilson of Mt. Holyoke, is spending the Easter vacation at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Hall Wilson of Ridgewood avenue.

Miss Emma Taylor of Lincoln street, who has been visiting friends in Detroit, is home again.

Mrs. A. R. Whiting of Sherman avenue entertained at bridge at her home Saturday afternoon.

James Moseley returned from Yale Saturday to spend the Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moseley of Douglas road.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Fitch of New Haven were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Schmidt of Ridgewood avenue.

Harry W. Hicks of Clark street has returned from Chicago.

The department of French literature of the Woman's Club met Tuesday morning at the home of Mrs. Lester Wallace, Douglas road. The subject was "The French Revolution."

Mrs. George S. Shirley, formerly of this place and now of Boston, will be the guest next week of her mother, Mrs. H. S. Potter of Valley road, Montclair.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton S. Field are occupying the house in Marston place recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sands. Mr. and Mrs. Sands are the guests of A. R. Pierson of Douglas road, preparing to move into their new house in Woodland avenue.

The department of nature study of the Woman's Club of Glen Ridge met at the home of Mrs. J. O. Dorland, 68 Douglas road, Wednesday afternoon. The subject was "Our Local Birds—Winter and Early Spring."

The North Side Evening Bridge Club met Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Blewett, Jr., 396 Ridgewood avenue.

T. W. Langstroth of Winsor place, has returned from Somerville. The faculty of the Glen Ridge School gave a reception to the retiring Board of Education in the assembly room Tuesday night.

Mrs. H. S. Connell of Hillside avenue was hostess Tuesday for the Monday Afternoon Five Hundred Club.

Mrs. Charles A. Searing, who has been South all winter, has returned to her home in Ridgewood avenue.

F. D. Bell of Hillside avenue has taken the house in Lincoln street formerly occupied by B. M. Barr.

The Tuesday Evening Auction Bridge Club was entertained by Miss Edna See at her home in Ridgewood avenue.

Mr. G. Sherwood Eddy of New York addressed the Glen Ridge Mission Study Class, which met at the residence of Miss Alletta Williams, Ridgewood avenue, Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. John J. Bridges of St. John's Church, Montclair, preached at the Wednesday evening service at Christ Episcopal Church.

The Woman's Missionary Union held a sewing meeting in the Glen Ridge Congregational Church parlors Tuesday, beginning at 10 o'clock. A luncheon was served at 12:30.

The Shade Tree Commission met in the council chambers last night to hear objections, if any, to the proposed planting of trees along Wildwood terrace and Belleville avenue, Douglas and Hamilton roads, Lincoln street and Ridgewood avenue from Bay avenue south.

Councilman Talbot Root is home from a three-week stay at Mt. Clement, Mich.

Mrs. C. H. Puleston of Bonner, Mont., is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. A. Searing of Ridgewood avenue.

Miss Margaret Wood has returned from Smith College to spend the Easter vacation at her home in Hamilton road.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ames of Ridgewood avenue have returned from a Southern trip.

Miss Gertrude Hinrichs of Bryn Mawr College will spend the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hinrichs of Douglas road.

Mrs. F. A. Scheffer of Ridgewood avenue has been spending this week with relatives in Brooklyn.

Miss Amy Selick of Brooklyn has been the guest this week of Miss Elsie Selick of Clark street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Edwards who have been at Summerville, N. C., for several weeks, have returned to their home in Ridgewood avenue.

Charles Yates of Douglas road has returned from a Southern trip.

Mrs. James A. Stewart of Ridgewood avenue has issued cards for a bridge, to be held at her home Tuesday afternoon, April 9.

Randall Murch has returned from Swarthmore, to spend the Easter vacation at his home in Hillside avenue.

The North Side Evening Bridge Club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blewett of Ridgewood avenue, Wednesday night.

W. C. McClure of Radd court is spending a few days at Lakewood.

Mrs. Henry Bostwick of New Lebanon, N. Y., is the guest of Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster of Hillside avenue.

To-Day.

As I watched a tulip working her way thru the damp chill earth, And would not be contented to wait for a warmer birth, Knowing that her coming was a token of the spring, And ought should keep her from delivering the message she had to bring, I thought it would be well if we mortals And strive to reach up higher, not present opportunities slither, Not waiting for the dawning of a possibly brighter day, But try and do what we ought to do, To-day! To-day! To-day! To-day! To-day! To-day! To-day! To-day! To-day! To-day!

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